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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Roberto Rábago

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2/2/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it exceeds the maximum length and is not presented as a single paragraph. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Priority

2. The instant application claims priority under 35 USC 120 to a PCT application filed 8/23/2002, based upon priority documents filed as early as 8/24/2001. In order for the claimed priority to be valid, the instant continuation application would need to have been filed no later than 20 months from the earliest priority date (if only PCT Chapter I was elected) or 30 months from the earliest priority date (if PCT Chapter II was elected). Furthermore, designation of the US in the PCT filing is also required. This application was filed more than 24 months after the earliest priority date, yet the file contains no evidence that the US was designated or that PCT chapter II was elected.

To preclude denial of priority, applicants should submit evidence that PCT chapter II was elected during the international phase. If PCT chapter II was elected, applicants are furthermore requested to submit copies of any International Examination Reports which they may have received.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. Applicants are advised that the foreign-language references cited on the various IDS filed in this application have been considered solely on the basis of those portions of said references for which applicants have provided English translation.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

(a) In claim 1 (and claims 2-13 by dependency), it cannot be determined whether or not the claims require mmmm pentads or a peak at 21.8 ppm. Applicants have used the phrasing "supposing that the chemical shift of the top of the peak assigned to a pentad represented by mmmm is 21.8 ppm,"; such wording, particularly with use of the word "supposing," renders indefinite whether these components are optional or required. The same ambiguity occurs a second time later in the clause, again including the word "supposing." Applicants are advised that the mere deletion of the word "supposing" would not resolve the question of whether the various recited components which occur with "supposing" are optional or required.

(b) Claim 4 includes the same ambiguous language as described in (a) above.

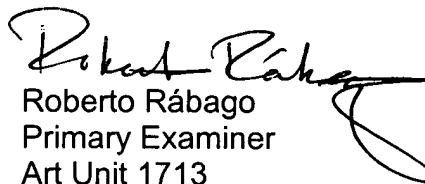
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(c) Claim 6 is indefinite because the phrase "the polymer is a propylene monomer" is not understood.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Roberto Rábago whose telephone number is (571) 272-1109. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on (571) 272-1114. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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